

REMARKS

Claim 2 has been amended to recite that n of the methylene chain (-CH<sub>2</sub>-)<sub>n</sub> is an integer from 5 to 7. Claims 30 and 31 are newly added.

Support for the amendments set forth herein can be found in the accompanying paper entitled, "Statement of Status and Support For All Claims."

Information Disclosure Statement

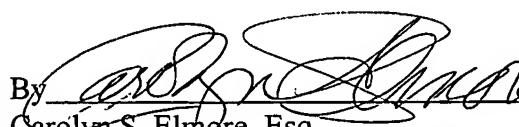
An Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed concurrently herewith. Entry of the IDS is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at (978) 341-0036.

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